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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Draft decision submitted by the Bureau of the Commission on the basis of informal consultations

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Organizational matters

In order to improve the work of the Commission for Social Development, the Economic and Social Council decides:

(a) That the terms of office of the members of the Commission will be for four regular sessions of the Commission, to begin immediately after the conclusion of work of the Commission's regular session held after 1 January following their election by the Council and to end at the conclusion of the regular session held after 1 January following the election of the States that are to succeed them as members of the Commission, unless they are re-elected;

(b) To extend the terms of office of those members of the Commission whose terms are to expire on 31 December 2002 until the conclusion of the forty-first session of the Commission, of those members whose terms are to expire on 31 December 2003 until the conclusion of the forty-second session of the Commission, and of those members whose terms are to expire on 31 December 2004 until the conclusion of the forty-third session of the Commission;

(c) That the Commission, immediately following the closure of a regular session, will hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairman and other members of the Bureau, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council;

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(d) That, in this context, the provisions of General Assembly resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962 will apply only to the substantive part of the Commission's sessions.